



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John B. Carroll

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For: HIGH EFFICIENCY PNEUMATICALLY
DRIVEN ELECTRIC POWER GENERATOR)

) Group Art Unit: 2834

) Examiner: G. Perez

) Attorney Docket: WAB 97090

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HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTN: BOX NON FEE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action mailed June 14, 2001 with respect to the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

In this office action the Examiner rejected claims 1,2, 5-7,11,12, and 14-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li (US Pat. No. 5,945,749) in view of Oudet et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,559,378) and further in view of Carrol (U.S. Pat. No. 5,350,222). To support the rejection the Examiner stated,

"Li discloses a pneumatically driven electric power generator (figure 1) comprising:

a cylinder (9);

a piston (1) disposed within the cylinder (9);

means (4,6) engaging the piston (1) for biasing the piston from a second position toward a first position whereby the piston